

Remarks

This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/970,916 filed October 5, 2001 (the “916 Application”).

Claims 59-77 are pending, with Claims 59, 66 and 72 being independent. Claims 1-58 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 59-77 have been added herein.

The specification has been amended to include amendments made in the ‘916 Application. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.


The newly-presented claims are believed to be patentable over the citations of record in the ‘916 Application. For example, U.S. Patent No. 5,500,715 (Ta et al.) teaches a print job handling menu selection apparatus which comprises a menu conflict resolution feature. With this feature, the user of the apparatus may be warned by an audible and/or visible alerting feature. U.S. Patent No. 5,129,639 (DeHority) teaches a printer configuration control system which determines the best match between the job requirements and the printer capability by determining a mismatch magnitude when a mismatch occurs. U.S. Patent No. 5,159,546 (Inoue et al.) describes a technique to determine whether the setting set by a user and the capability provided by an apparatus are matched. However, none of these citations is believed to disclose or suggest at least the feature of changing the set value of a second setting item into a fourth value from a third value without any operation made by a user when the set value of a first setting item is changed into a second value from a first value, as is recited in independent Claims 59, 66 and 72. Therefore, none of the citations can achieve an effect of the present invention,

such as maintaining consistency between the values of the first setting item and the second setting item without any intervention by a user.

Early and favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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